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"As regards associated farms there are no possibilities of starting such farms in the State."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether this Government have deputed an officer to go and see the working of these collective farms in other States? Would it not be desirable, Sir, to get first-hand information rather than rely on reports from other States?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"I do not think that any officer has so far been deputed, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Will the Government consider the suggestion, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Yes, Sir."

Procurement bonus fund.

* 97 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the amount to the credit of the procurement bonus fund was, at the end of last year;

(*b*) what is the amount likely to accrue to it during this year;

(*c*) what the amount of expenditure incurred from the bonus fund was last year and what it will be this year and the amounts allocated to various items;

(*d*) whether the Government of India have intimated the discontinuance of procurement bonus from next year;

(*e*) whether this discontinuance will upset the programme of the State Government: and

(*f*) whether any representation has been submitted to the Central Government on the subject and if so, what their reactions are?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture) :—"The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"With reference to the answer to clause (f), may I know whether the Government will renew their request to the Government of India to give a full grant for 1951–52 in view of the financial position of this State?"

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—"I think the matter has been sufficiently pressed upon the Government of India, but still whenever there is another occasion to press the matter again, the Government will do the needful."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Are the Government aware, Sir, that the Government of India are giving full grants to other States for these intensive cultivation schemes?"

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THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" No, Sir, there has been a change in policy even with regard to the other States. The Government of India are revising the grants given to the other States also according to their present policy."

Conversion of radium bromide into radium needles.

* 98 *Q.*—DR. P. V. CHERIYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, since my questions on the subject on April 16th, 1951, the Government have sent to the U.K. the radium bromide for conversion into radium needles;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government took the opinion of the Expert in Radiology on the subject before the radium bromide was despatched;

(*c*) if the answer to clause (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether he will be pleased to place on the table of the House the opinion of the Government Expert; and

(*d*) if the answer is in the negative, why the Government did not take such an opinion in spite of the assurance given on the floor of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—(*a*) Yes, radium bromide was despatched to the U.K. for conversion into radium sulphate needles and not radium bromide needles.

" (*b*) As the Government had before them the considered opinion of the Committee of experts in August 1949 including the Director of the Barnard Institute of Radiology and also the experience gained in the use of radon from 1937 to 1941, they did not consider it necessary to obtain the opinion of a single expert alone.

" (*c*) The question does not arise.

" (*d*) After the assurance given in the House, Government examined the question again and were convinced that their decision that radium is more suitable and less dangerous than radon, was correct and in keeping with the latest literature available and in keeping with the latest trends in modern method of radiation treatment."

DR. P. V. CHERIYAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that at present radon treatment is generally accepted to be much better than radium treatment? " 12-15 p.m.

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" But the opinion of the experts is otherwise."

DR. P. V. CHERIYAN :—" May I know the names of the experts who were consulted? "